deavours to form new plantations at Antersanté will again be made. Teak plantations will not thrive here as only teak of the stunted kind will grow in this part of the country, and experiments were disapproved by the former Forest Officers like Colonel Vansomeron, Mr. Mc Pherson who therefore preferred to extend plantations only near the Kakankote Forests. At present the proposed site for teak plantation is a *kaval* which affords cheap grazing to the village cattle and being close to villages (one furlong or half a furlong only) is unsuited for the purpose.

[NOTE.—The Deputy Commissioner explained that the plantation was started after consideration and could now be discontinued, that it could cause no real inconvenience to the raiyats and that those who wish to build new houses are not many.]

Dewan's reply.—Recorded.

Subject No. 462.

Cattle-pounds in Plantations to be in charge of the Revenue authorities.

Summary of discussion.—Officials of the Forest Department are invested with full powers to impound cattle in State Forests and plantations, to levy fines for their release and to sell unclaimed cattle by auction. This gives them opportunities for oppressing people and levying black mail. For example, on same pretext or other cattle will not be delivered when claimed and the prescribed fine is paid. Thereby the owner is made unjustly to lose 3 annas a day per head of cattle. Pounds in forests and plantations should be under the Revenue authorities as other pounds are. The rate of feeding charges leviable should also be the same as in other pounds in the neighbourhood. Village officials of the neighbouring villages may be in immediate charge of these pounds situated in plantations of the Forest Department.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will be asked to investigate and report on this subject.

Subject No. 463.

Those who obstruct the usual paths to lands should be criminally prosecuted.

Summary of discussion.—Many persons are prevented from walking along the usual paths to their lands on the pretext that such paths are not marked on the survey plans. Complaints made to the Revenue Department are referred to the Shekdar. The Shekdar gives an order which however the obstructing raiyat does not mind. Further complaints to the Civil Court would entail long delays. Meanwhile the crops would fail If those who obstruct the usual paths be prosecuted on the criminal side, the nuisance would soon cease.

Dewan's reply.—Complain to local Magistrates in individual cases.

Subject No. 464.

Insufficient water supply to wet lands in Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As the channels of the Heggaddevankote Taluk are chiefly drawn from the Lakshmantirtha river at a point in Hunsur Taluk, crops often fail owing to scanty supply of water. The channels are also in bad condition